

MINUTES
SOMERS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
JANUARY 10, 2023

ATTENDEES: Rick Kinkel, Dan Vachal, Cardi Chmielewski, Chelsey Spence (phone), and Beth Dotson

STAFF ATTENDEES: Tom Havens, RT Kienas, Amber Kienas

VISITORS: None

ABSENT: Dave Hayes

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Cardi Chmielewski.

Dan Vachal motioned to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2022 Board Meeting. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

Rick Kinkel motioned to approve December 13, 2022 bills for 7202 in the amount of \$42,983.55. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.

Rick Kinkel motioned to approve January 10, 2023 bills for 7202 in the amount of \$22,463.70. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.

There were no bills to approve for 7265.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The FY22 Annual Report was submitted to the Montana State Department of Administration. This report determines if an audit is required. Due to our cash receipts and proceeds from long-term debt (Bond) we surpass the "Filing Fee" limit thus requiring an audit for FY22.

The "voluntary" Annual Census Report was submitted to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Verizon rate increased \$.78 per phone line.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Hall – Dave Hayes and Tom Havens did a walk through with Steve Backer, Appraiser, on January 6, 2023. Contacted Dave Fetveit, Realtor, to bring him up to date on status.

Irrigation System – tabled till Spring.

Laser Lights – Installed 2 laser lights. They are working great. Would like to purchase four (4) more so all bays are covered. Monies will come from the Bond account. Rick Kinkel motioned to purchase four (4) more lights. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.

Boiler Certification – Several people can do the certification, just need to get them scheduled. Needs to get down as soon as possible.

Copier - looking at purchasing a new copier. Amber Kienas talked to IT at the Sheriff's Department. They recommended an HP. Cost is \$549.99. Dan Vachal motioned to purchase the HP copier. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

Road to Training Site – tabled till Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Term

Cardi Chmielewski's Dan Vachal's term on the SRFD Board of Trustees expires in May 2023. Cardi Chmielewski has filed to run for another term. Dan Vachal is not running.

Volunteer Injury

A volunteer had a seizure and fell hitting his head while attending an Association function at the Somers Hall. He was transported by ambulance to the hospital. A First Report of Injury was submitted to Montana State Fund.

Graphics

Graphics were put on the Side by Side. Rick Kinkel made a motion to pay \$350.00 to Buzy Body for the graphics. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.

Topper for T562

Ice Rescue equipment is stored in T562. Would like a topper to protect this gear. Cost for a fiberglass topper is \$2980 and will take about 40 days for delivery. Dan Vachal made a motion to purchase topper for \$2980. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

Camera in Community Room – Board discussed putting a camera in Community Room and Kitchen to document any accidents or incidents.

FIRE CHIEF'S UPDATE

Calls - 281 calls for calendar year 2022.

Discussed adopting a resolution regarding nuisance calls. A letter would be sent to customer/patient stating that after three (3) "nuisance calls" they will be billed for the truck (\$100), fire apparatus (\$130), and labor at \$25.00 per volunteer.

Rick Kinkel motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:54. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Beth Dotson
SRFD Secretary